## HOW TO START

#### Do your homework to avoid unexpected surprises.

YesNo	I understand that the Enhancement Program is based on <u>cost reimbursement</u> and is not a grant.
YesNo	The project fits within one of the 12 transportation enhancement categories. (See: the Enhancement Unit's web site for the 12 categories)
YesNo	The project has a clear <u>surface transportation</u> link <b>and</b> is part of a <u>community planning</u> process.
YesNo	The project is co-sponsored by an eligible governmental agency who is willing to accept maintenance.
YesNo	The project sponsor is willing and able to provide at least a 20% <u>cash</u> match, except Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties, per the Department of Commerce's current listing. See: <a href="http://www.nccommerce.com/finance/tiers/2004tiers.asp">http://www.nccommerce.com/finance/tiers/2004tiers.asp</a>
YesNo	The project sponsor is willing to administer all aspects of the project, including all environmental, design, and construction contracts per federal and state requirements. (See: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapg/cfr0635a.htm">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapg/cfr0635a.htm</a> for federal requirement)
YesNo	The project sponsor is willing to send a monthly progress report to an assigned NCDOT Transportation Project Consultant.
YesNo	The project sponsor understands that all issues involving rights-of-way/property necessary for the completion of this project <u>must</u> be resolved.
YesNo	This project has local government/MPO/RPO endorsement.

## CONGRATULATIONS

If you answered "YES" to all of the above, <u>complete</u>, <u>print and mail</u> your application as indicated in the instructions.

If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, that issue(s) must be resolved before submitting an application.



#### NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## 2004 CALL-FOR-PROJECTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

#### **SUBMIT:**

One (1) original TYPED UNBOUND application and fourteen (14) TYPED BOUND hard copies of the application, MUST be <u>in</u> the Enhancement Office (not in the mail) by 5:00 p.m. EDST on June 4, 2004.

#### **MAIL TO:**

NCDOT Enhancement Unit Mail Service Center # 1534 Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-1534

#### **DELIVER TO:**

NCDOT Enhancement Unit 1 South Wilmington Street/Transportation Bldg. Level P2 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

#### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

- All applications arriving after 5:00 p.m. EDST on June 4, 2004 will be returned unopened to sender.
- All accompanying application materials must be submitted on paper 8 ½ x 11 inches in size.

or

- No electronic transmittals of the application will be accepted.
- There will be **NO** prescreening of applications.
- Any promise or statement by an employee of NCDOT will not bind NCDOT. An applicant should not rely upon such statements unless both parties agree specifically to write into a contract the statement or promise.

#### **ASSISTANCE:**

- Participation in the videoconference is a <u>MUST</u> to get your questions answered regarding the Call-for-Projects process and for the successful completion of your application. (See: web site for videoconference details).
- See Enhancement Unit web site for additional assistance.

#### **PROCESS:**

(approximately 6 months)

- NCDOT will review applications to determine eligibility.
- Four Enhancement Advisory Councils (EAC), one statewide and three regional councils, will review applications.
- Upon completion of the review process, each EAC will make their recommendations to the Board of Transportation for funding.
- Upon Board of Transportation approval, NCDOT will notify all applicants as to whether or not their project was selected for funding.
  - All funding awards are based on the availability of federal funds.

## APPLICATION

#### APPLICANT / SPONSOR INFORMATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION						
CHECK ONLY ONE (See Note #1)	Re	egional	Statewide			
1. Applicant Agency/Organization - N	Aust indicate one o	f the following:				
State City of Count Govern		МРО	RPO Quasi gover Agend	nmental	Other Specify	
2. Applicant's Agency / Organizational Name					1	
3. Applicant's Contact Person	4. Job Title		5. Daytime P	hone Number		
6. Fax Number	7. E-mail Address		I			
8. Applicant's Mailing Address	9. City	10. County	y	11. State	12. Zip Code	
13. Applicant's Street Address:		I		l		
14. Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATION)	N)	Title		Date		
	SPONSOR I	NFORMATIO	ON			
15. Sponsoring Agency's Name		16. Can and Wi	ill the Sponsoring Ager S	ncy Accept li NO	ability?	
17. Sponsor's Contact Person	18. Title		19. Daytime I	Phone Numb	er	
20. Sponsor's Mailing Address	21. City	22. County	y	23. State	24. Zip Code	
25. Sponsor's Signature Title Date (REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATION)						
By signing this application the Applicant / Sponsor Agrees to:						
<ol> <li>Attest that this project has <u>NOT</u> been fully funded (as defined by NCDOT) during a previous NCDOT Enhancement Call-for-Projects Process.</li> <li>Confirm a commitment to the project's development, implementation, construction, completion, maintenance, management and financing.</li> <li>Attest that budget information is detailed, accurate, and represents the best professional estimate of the true</li> </ol>						

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cost to successfully complete the project described in this application.						
Eligibility Criteria						
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26. Check categor	PROJECT CATEG y: ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER APPLICATION U	NLESS A CATEGORY IS A PHASE OF A LARGER				
PROJECT - See	Sample Budget (See Note #2)					
Indicate by Placing an "X"						
	Pedestrian And Bicycle Facility					
	Pedestrian And Bicycle Safety And Education					
	Acquisition Of Scenic Easements And Scenic Or Historia	c Sites				
	Scenic Or Historic Highway Programs (Including Touris  Documentation Required See: Quick Reference Sun					
	Landscaping And Other Scenic Beautification					
	Historic Preservation  Documentation Required See: Quick Reference Sum					
	Rehabilitation Of Historic Transportation Facilities (Incl. <i>Documentation Required See: Quick Reference Sum</i>	nmary Guide				
	Preservation Of Abandoned Railway Corridors For Trails					
	Control Of Outdoor Advertising					
	Archaeological Planning And Research					
	Environmental Mitigation Of Pollution Due To Highway Runoff Or Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality					
	Establishment Of Transportation Museums					
27. Does this pro enhancement proj	ject represent <b>another</b> phase of a <b>previously funded</b> ect?	YES, Specify E (e.g. E-5555)  NO				
28. Has this project been fully funded during a <b>previous</b> call period at the regional or Statewide level?  YES - If Yes, STOP HERE – You may not seek additional TE funds for the same previously funded project.  NO						
29. Has this projedid not receive fur	ect been submitted in a previous enhancement calls, but nding?	YES NO				
Planning Organiza MPO endorsement	itan Areas over 50,000 population, the Metropolitan ation (MPO) MUST endorse the project. Do you have it? (If applicable)state.nc.us/apps/directory/4651.html	YES - You must attach a copy of the MPO resolution.				
you have RPO en	g Organization (RPO) MUST endorse the project. Do dorsement? (If applicable)	YES – You <u>must</u> attach a copy of the RPO resolution.				
	state.nc.us/apps/directory/8237.html					
32. Do you have local government endorsement for this project?  YES – You <u>must</u> attach a copy of the resolution						
		NO NO				
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33. Is the Government sponsor willing to be a party to a maintenance agreement for this project?	YES NO
34. Does all right-of-way/property necessary for the project fall within	YES NO
public ownership or lease? (See Note #3)  35. If no, does the applicant/co-sponsor have an option on the property	I ies I no
within one (1) year of award of this project by the NCDOT.	YES - A letter of intent <u>must</u> be submitted with this application!
36. Does the project cross or encroach on Railroad right-of-way?	YES - A right of entry letter or letter of intent from the Railroad <u>must</u> be submitted with this application.
27. Do so the counting at an department that ATT wight of any software out.	NO
37. Does the applicant understand that ALL right-of-way/property obtained after the award of Transportation Enhancement funds must be in accordance with federal guidelines?	□ YES □ NO
38. Is the applicant /co-sponsor willing to exercise condemnation	YES NO
authority to acquire the right-of-way/property?  39. Is any part of the project within the State Highway System right-of	
way?	YES NO
40. Is this project within or adjacent to property that is either: Check appropriate boxes. (See Note #4)	
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places	YES – Attach a copy of SHPO Certification
Eligible for the Listing on National Register	NO
41. Is this project in a Tier I or Tier II County? (See Note #5)	YES NO
42. If yes, is the applicant/sponsor requesting the right-of way appraisal value to be used as their local match?	YES – If yes, you will be required to provide an appraisal
43. Has the sponsor and/or applicant identified opportunities to enter into partnerships with Youth Conservation or Service Corps organizations on the proposed transportation enhancement project?	YES NO
44. If yes, <i>briefly</i> detail those efforts in the blank space provided below.	
45. Please briefly describe your public involvement efforts related to this	project.
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40.	Project/Facility Name (If applicable, e.g., The Juneberry Train Depot )
47.	Purpose of the Project – Please briefly outline the intended use of the project once completed.
48	Project/Facility Detailed Description – Use supplement sheet at the end of the application, if needed (See Note #6)
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1-	location
2-	scope of services
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3-	other
49.	Project/Facility link to Surface Transportation (provide a detailed description of how this project is clearly linked to surface
tran	resportation) - Use supplement sheet at the end of the application, if needed
50	Describe Project/Facility maintenance plan or strategy - Use supplement sheet at the end of the application, if needed
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application, if needed.	erracinty is likely to benefit the State	or community - Use	supplemental sheet at the end of the					
52 You may list below the name a	address and phone number of 5 (five)	) public civic and cor	nmunity based organizations that support					
this application. (Please list only th	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		mentation, e.g., letters of endorsement,					
signed public resolutions, etc.). "Only documents of support inc	luded with or attached to the or	<b>ioinal</b> filing of this	application will be considered"					
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	8 ½ by 11 visuals, (e.g., photos, plan of 5 additional pages. You MUST in							
	BUDGET INFO		<u> </u>					
			nds awarded through the Call-for-Projects					
	proves more expensive than originall ancement web site for additional exp		overruns must be supplied from other					
All funding a	<u>twards are based on th</u>	<u>ne availability</u>	of federal funds.					
Listed below are eligible expenditu	re categories. Please include in your	budget, if applicable.						
<b>Work Activities Eligible for Reim</b>	hursamant.							
Environmental Documentation								
<ul><li>Preliminary Engineering (Surv</li><li>Contract Administration</li></ul>	eying & Design)							
ROW Acquisition (restricted to								
Construction/Inspection	ENHANCEMENT							
Please click here			formatted budget form					
Ple	ease complete and submi		lication.					
(Info	Summary Budget ormation below to be recorded		red budget)					
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54. Total Project Cost: (sum of above)	55. Total Federal Enhancement	56. Total Local						
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#### **BUDGET ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

## ACCURACY AND DETAILED ESTIMATES ARE THE KEYS TO A GOOD BUDGET SUBMISSION

Applicants are strongly encouraged to get several estimates on large projects

Possible related budget items by Activity (This is NOT intended to be an Exhaustive or Inclusive list).

TWELVE QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES						
Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities (Sidewalks)  [Walking Trails and Pedestrian Trails (sidewalks) are not the same]	Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Scenic or Historic Sites	Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (Includes Tourist and Welcome Centers.  -Funds are <u>not</u> intended to simply restore or repair a rest area -A connection to a scenic or historic site <u>must</u> be established.	Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification	Historic Preservation  You must contact your SHPO regarding this project before preparing your budget	Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities (Including Historic Railroad Facilities and Canals	
-engineering fees -environmental documentation -plans/specsmobilization -site preparation -grading -cut -fill -drainage -concrete asphalt signing/pavement traffic signals -curb -gutter -grass/sod -bridging -mitigation -traffic control -permits	-planning and transaction costs, including appraisals, surveys, legal costs, etc. that lead to the purchase of easements/ properties -land acquisition -interpretive signs and installation (if applicable) -directional signs and installation (if applicable) -construction of turnarounds and engineering costs associated with these designs (if applicable) -landscaping (if applicable)	-architectural and engineering fees -environmental -hazardous materials abatement documentation -construction (includes: demolition electrical plumbing structure) -permits -parking (spaces) -concrete (yards) -construction and inspection - brochures, racks, & displays	-engineering fees -environmental -grading -debris removal -hauling -dumping -irrigation -planting	-architectural and engineering fees -project management -environmental documentation -construction costs -permits -landscaping -furnishings and equipment (if eligible)	-architectural and engineering fees -project management -environmental documentation -construction costs -permits -landscaping -parking (spaces) -furnishings and equipment (if eligible)	
Notes: Contingency amounts more than 10 % over a two- year period must be accompanied by a detailed explanation.	Notes: NCDOT must pre-approve both the appraiser and the appraisal of the property(ies).	Notes: In order to submit a realistic budget, it is recommended that a professional construction estimate be obtained before final budget preparation.  Notes: Contingency amounts more than 10 % over a two-year period must be accompanied by a detailed explanation.	Notes: Contingency amounts more than 10 % over a two year period must be accompanied by a detailed explanation.	Notes: Contingency amounts more than 10 % over a two-year period must be accompanied by a detailed explanation.  (A minimum of two construction estimates are recommended but not required prior to submission of application)	Notes: Contingency amounts more than 10 % over a two-year period must be accompanied by a detailed explanation.  (A minimum of two construction estimates are recommended but not required prior to submission of application)  Contact: Sarah McBride for eligibility certification. (See # 4 of Notes)	



	Project Categories (continued)							
Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Pedestrian & Bike Trails	Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising	Archaeological Planning and Research	Environmental Mitigation of Pollution Due To Highway Runoff and Reduce Vehicle Caused Wildlife Mortality While Maintaining Habitat Connectivity	Establishment of Transportation Museums	Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education			
-survey cost -appraisal fees -legal fees -acquisition cost -condemnation cost -administrative cost -environmental documentation	-appraisal costs -administrative costs -acquisition costs -lease fee costs -lease hold costs -legal fees	-task background -excavation -artifact processing -analysis -curation of materials -report management -environmental documentation	-environmental consultant service (surveys, design, permit acquisition, layout, construction supervision) -in-stream constructed wetland (land disturbing activities, construction, planting) -geomorphic channel restoration -water management -water quality monitoring (equipment, testing, analysis) -native grasses and shrub riparian buffers (land preparation, plant materials, labor, etc.) -information and education (signage, brochures) -project management -administrative fees - environmental documentation	-architectural and engineering fees -project management -environmental documentation -construction costs -permits -parking (spaces) -landscaping -furnishings and equipment -exhibits	-bicycle route brochures -signage -safety training facilitator -safety training aids			
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## **Budget Sample**

\*\* (For Demonstration Only) \*\*

**Important**: Each Phase of a Project should be able to **stand alone**, and not depend on the completion of other phases to have usefulness. (**Round all numbers to the nearest dollar**)

Phase I – ( Establishment of a Welcome Center )						
Eligible Items/Activities	Total Costs \$	Federal \$	Local Match \$	Phase I -Description		
Architectural Fees	50	40	10	The construction of a 1200 sf		
Architectural Plans	20	16	4	brick facility at the		
Construction	250	200	50	intersection of Hwy 421 and		
ADA compliant ramp	10	8	2	the Blue Ridge Pkwy in		
Electrical	10	8	2	Wilkes County, near Deep		
Plumbing	10	8	2	Gap. The facility will be		
Structure 20ft. @ \$10/sq ft	200	160	40	manned from 8:00a.m		
Permits	20	16	4	5:00p.m. M-S and will comply		
Parking (spaces) 2 spaces @	40	32	8	with all ADA requirements.		
\$20/space				Brochures will be available		
Concrete (yards) 3 @ \$2/yd	6	5	1	denoting the history of the		
Miscellaneous	5	4	1	Parkway and sites along the		
				Blue Ridge Parkway.		
Total Phase I	\$621	\$497	\$124			
	- (Acquisition of Scen					
Eligible Items/Activities	Total Costs \$	Federal \$	Local Match \$	Phase II - Description		
				The acquisition of		
Purchase of 10 acres @ \$7/ac	70	56	14	approximately10 acres within		
				the viewshed of the Blue		
				Ridge Pkwy, and the		
				construction of two (2) scenic		
Total Dhass II	670	95(	01.4	pulloffs.		
Total Phase II \$70 \$56 \$14  Phase III (Landscaping)						
Eligible Items/Activities	Total Cost \$	Federal \$	Local Match \$	Phase III - Description		
Grading Grading	10tar Cost \$	8	2	The planting of approximately		
Debris Removal	5	4	1	20 native trees around the		
Hauling	3	2	1	welcome center. Four planters		
Dumping (per yd)	4	3	1	along the walkway will be		
Irrigation	10	8	2	filled with native seasonal		
Planting (Labor)	10	8	2	flowers. Trees and flowers		
Plants	10	8	2	will also have an irrigation		
Tidits	10	0		system installed to assist their		
				growth and maintain their		
				appearance.		
Total Phase III	\$52	\$41	\$11			
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Total Project Cost	\$743	\$594	\$149			
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All funding awards are based on the availability of federal funds.



#### **SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET**

USE THIS SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE TO CONTINUE APPLICATION ANSWERS NEEDING ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION

body of the application)



# Are you ready to mail your application?

Please Check	Attachments			
	Resolution/ Local Government Endorsement			
	Resolution/ MPO or RPO Endorsement			
	Detailed Budget For Each Phase (If Applicable) of Your Project (Rounded To The Nearest Dollar)			
	Supplement Question Explanation Sheets			
Historical Certification Documentation (If Applicable)				
Letters of Endorsement Other Relevant Supporting Documentation (e.g. – Photos, Site Maps, GIS Map				
	Other Considerations			
	DO NOT LEAVE BLANK SPACES on Application - Use (N/A) If Not Applicable			
	Correctly Date Your Application			
	Correctly Address Your Application Envelope			
	Allow At Least 5 Days Before The Deadline For Mailed Applications to Arrive			
	Signatures (Sponsor <u>And</u> Applicant) – Unsigned Applications Are Ineligible For Funding Consideration			

### CONGRATULATIONS

If you correctly checked off all the applicable above items you should be ready to **submit** your Application as indicated in the instructions.

If you are not able to check off each of the above items applicable to your application it will likely be deemed **ineligible.** Ineligible application will not be forwarded to the Enhancement Advisory Council for funding consideration.

The Enhancement Unit of the North Carolina Department of Transportation thanks you for supporting our efforts to promote and encourage diverse modes of transportation, which benefits North Carolina communities.

#### **GOOD LUCK!!**



#### Note #1

Select the best category that suits your project.

To select the Statewide Level of Competition, your project**must** demonstrate a <u>statewide</u> <u>benefit</u>, in lieu of a local, municipal, or regional benefit, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

Listed as a North Carolina Historic Site. Contact the NC Department of Cultural Resources on the Internet: http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/ or by phone 9 1 9 -7 3 3 -7 8 62.

Listed as a Wild and Scenic River. Contact the National Park Service on the Internet: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/rivers/">http://www.nps.gov/rivers/</a>.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places Please first check for listing at <a href="http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/nrlist.htm">http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/nrlist.htm</a> or contact Sarah McBride at the State Historic Preservation Office at sarah.mcbride@ncmail.net.

Listed as a Scenic Byway. Contact the NCDOT Scenic Byways Program on the internet: <a href="http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/operations/dp\_chief\_eng/roadside/scenic/or">http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/operations/dp\_chief\_eng/roadside/scenic/or</a> the National Scenic Byway Program: <a href="http://www.byways.org/">http://www.byways.org/</a>

Note #2 Each enhancement activity should be considered separate and distinct from the others. Applicants are encouraged to avoid combining activity categories where such combinations eliminate the opportunity for fair and open competition based on the merits of the TE proposal.

Note #3 Right-of-way should be held by the public entity (County, Municipality, State) in either fee simple, permanent easement, or lease. If held in lease, the lease must be executed.

Note #4 F or information or confirmation on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, please contact Sarah McBride at the State Historic Preservation Office – Sarah.McBride@ncmail.net.

The Tier System is the economic development rankings as determined by the Departmen

Note #5

Commerce Department's web site at:

J anuary of each year the Commerce Department evaluates North Carolina's 1 0 0 Coun and assigns a tier designation ranging from one to five, with one being the most economically distressed and five being the least. This listing is provided on the

of Commerce based on population growth, unemployment rate and per capita income. In

http://www.nccommerce.com/finance/tiers/2 0 0 4 tiers.asp
Counties listed in either T ier I or T ier II counties can request that the right-of-way value for the submitted project be used instead of the minimum 2 0 % local cash match.

## Note #6

Information Sheet for a sample of typical eligible expenses.

Location: Denote the county, municipality, street name, secondary road number, nearest recognizable intersection, clear and accurate beginning and ending points, length of project, natural boundaries visible from the location, etc.

Scope of work for which the Applicant is seeking reimbursement, in addition to construction cost. Examples: Preliminary Engineering (surveying, design),

environmental document, construction, project management/architectural costs, utility relocation (other than municipally-owned), right of way acquisition (applicable for scenic

easement or abandoned rail corridor only). Also reference the attached Budget

-IMPORTANT:- Use this form to prepare a budget for each-phase of your project. of a Project MUST be able to stand alone and have utility once completed. (Round all cost figures to the nearest dollar.)- A detailed budget-must-be included with your application. (See Sample in application) You are encouraged to break a large project into phases. Scenic/land acquisitions and smaller projects such as sidewalks are typically NOT broken out in phases. (Funding for future phases is not-guaranteed)							
	Phase ( ) Insert Phase number Circle your Funding Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) Local Match (Required -						
	<b>Total Costs</b>	Federal	minumum 20%)				
Eligible Items/Activities	(in whole \$)	\$	\$	Phase Description			
otal <b>Phase-</b> Cost							